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Date of Incident: January 11, 2015

Time of Incident: 1821 Hours

Incident Case #: 15-1810

## Summary:

The Bristol Police Department Traffic Division has completed the crash investigation into the Stafford Avenue fatality that occurred during January of 2015.

On January 11, about 1821 hours, Nelson Thibeault, age 56 was operating his 1994 Ford Ranger pickup truck northbound on Stafford Avenue in the area of Jewel Street. Thibeault left the right side of the road and struck a tree. Almost immediately, the vehicle burst into flames and Thibeault was trapped in his vehicle. Despite rescue attempts by a civilian and police officers, he could not be removed from his truck. Thibeault, a Bristol resident died at the scene.

The investigation showed that Thibeault was operating his vehicle with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .146%. He was operating his vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and above the legal limit of .08%. In addition, he failed to negotiate the curve in the road, made a restricted turn, and left the roadway striking the tree. Upon impact, the vehicle's gasoline tank was punctured and a fire quickly ignited. No other vehicles were involved in this crash.

In conclusion, Thibeault had operated his vehicle in a negligent manner while under the influence of alcohol. He was solely responsible for his own death.

The investigation is closed with no further action.

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